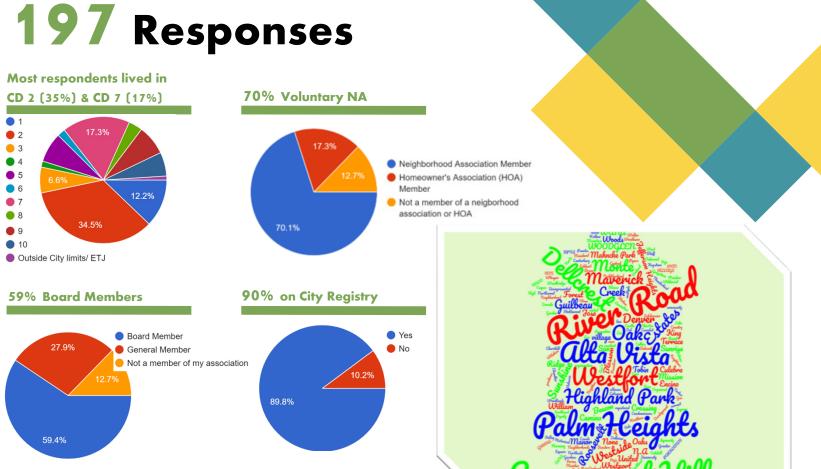
# Survey Results: Policy for Neighborhood Association Registry

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## Community Conversations Background



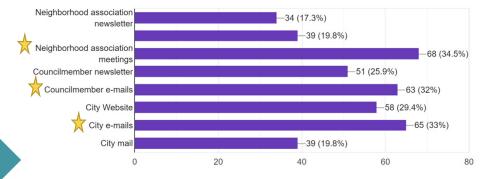
- Hosted three Community Conversations in December 1, 2, & 3, 2020 to gather feedback on registry and how to improve communications
- 164 individuals registered to participate in the December Community Conversations
- Community Conversations (Dec.) allowed for discussion and questions about the registry, registration policy, and how to improve communication with neighborhoods
- Policy for Neighborhood Association Registration Survey released in English on December 4<sup>th</sup> and in Spanish on December 18, 2020 and closed on January 4, 2021
- Survey reflected the same questions that were utilized for the Community Conversations in December 2020



#### **Survey Highlights**

What is your primary source of information when it comes to zoning, improvements, and other city initiatives?

197 responses

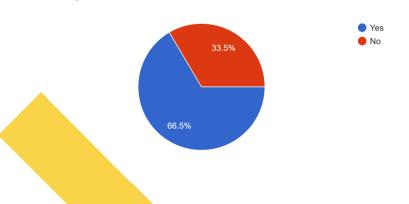


- Neighborhood association meetings, city emails, and councilmember e-mails were the top 3 cited sources for receiving information when it comes to zoning, improvements, and other city initiatives
- 59% of respondents felt their voice was heard when speaking to Planning Commission, Zoning Commission, or City Council. 41% did NOT feel their voice was heard
- 90% WOULD sign up for an email notification system that provides information related to projects and zoning cases in the area
- When providing feedback to the City about certain projects and zoning cases, 45% of respondents work with their neighborhood association, 35% talk to their councilmember, and 20% sign up to speak.

#### Survey Highlights Cont'd

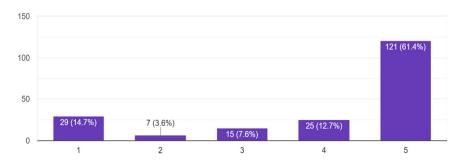
- 61% strongly agreed that their association represented their perspective
   15% strongly disagreed that their association did NOT represent their perspective
- 67% of residents feel it is important that only one organization represent one geographic area

Do you feel it is important that only one organization represent one geographic area? 197 responses



Do you feel that the neighborhood you reside in has an association that represents your perspective?

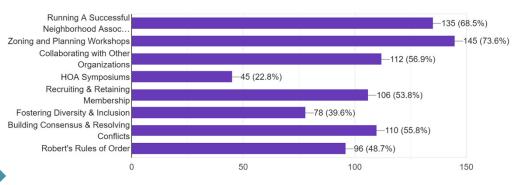
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#### Survey Highlights cont'd

I would find it beneficial for my association if the City provided the following trainings, workshops or resources. Check all that apply.

197 responses





- "Zoning and Planning workshops",
   "Running a Successful NA", and
   "Collaborating with other Organizations"
   were the top 3 trainings/workshops or
   resources requested by residents.
- Timely notification (ex. E-mail, mailouts, Nextdoor, text, meetings and improvements on city website), emphasis on zoning/developments notices

## Recommendations for Improved Community Engagement

- Resident Connect System- An enhanced communications & notification system estimated to launch fall 2021, this is being coordinated by COSA Government & Public Affairs (GPA) & Information Technology Services Depart. (ITSD)
- Neighborhood Engagement Brief Weekly communication to registered associations, nonregistered associations, community partners, Council District Offices, Neighborhood Leadership Academy Graduates, Regulatory Bodies (BOA, Zoning, Planning, & HDRC and COSA departments, this list has over 800 individuals



"A community is like a ship; everyone ought to be prepared to take the helm."
-Henrik Ibsen

#### Who is My Neighborhood Engagement Team member?

Reach out to your Neighborhood Engagement Officer for registration updates, resource information, training, or to attend your next neighborhood association meeting. The Team serve as liaisons and navigators for all residents.

Don't know your council district? No problem, visit our <u>website</u>, where you'll be able to search by property address to find your council district and connect with your Neighborhood Engagement Officer.

## Recommendations for Improved Community Engagement cont'd

- Coordination with GPA to have information shared on Nextdoor and Facebook
- Posting presentations and information on the NHSD website and improving how information is organized so it is easy to locate on the department website
- Continuing to host Community Conversations that allow for residents, neighborhoods, and community partners hear about Neighborhood Engagement initiatives and provide feedback on those initiatives
- Continue to release survey to gather feedback from residents and neighborhoods
- Attend association meetings to engage and share information

### Thank you

Neighborhood Engagement Team

Additional comments? neighborhoods@sanantonio.gov